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EXTRADITION UNDER CHINESE TREATIES.

[See *Mail Galleys*.]

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has delivered its judgment of considerable importance in its bearing on the coast traffic carried on between Macao and the South American continent. Not is it without interest of a more general kind, with reference to the action of the Hongkong authorities and our treaty obligations as to the surrender of Chinese criminals to the Chinese Government. The present case was brought up on an appeal of the Attorney-General of Hongkong from a judgment of the Supreme Court of the colony, whereby the respondent, Kwok-a-sing—a Chinese coolie, accused of murder and piracy on the high seas, while in a French vessel, the *Nouvelle Pauline*—who had been brought before the court by writ of *habeas corpus*, was ordered to be released. This proceeding, with slight variants, was twice repeated with similar results. Kwok-a-sing was first arrested in the preceding year 1838, and in 1870, 453. Last year the accidental deaths were as many as 2,624, and of that number 1,824 were drowned in consequence of wrecks.

A young woman named Coste has been sentenced by the Assizes of the Gare to four years' imprisonment for the crime of piracy. On being condemned, she begged the child to be her companion, and, after boiling it down to a pulp, hid the remains in the mattress of her bed.

An American paper, in noticing a newsteamboat says: "When loaded she will draw less than a foot of water. In case the river becomes perfectly dry, she will run on heavy dew, or by the aid of a wet sponge secured on her bottom."

On the back of his address in the Ball Court, in the nation Novara à Flinell, Sergeant Party, describing the founding of the *Livorno*, which sailed from Sunderland, said one firman was on his knees praying, while another sang a comic song with a chorus of:—

"Down in a diving-bell,
Underneath the sea,
Cousin pretty mermaids—
How jolly it must be!"

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

15TH AUGUST, EVENING.

New Patna, \$580 to \$624, steady; New Benares, \$560 to \$582, weak. No change in other kinds.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand, £43; Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight, £42; Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, £42; Overdue, at 6 months' sight, £42; Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight, £41.

ON NEW YORK.—

- Private, 5 months' sight.
- ON HONGKONG.—Bank, 3 days' sight 229
- ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 229
- ON SHANGAI.—Bank, 3 days' sight 73;
- Private, 30 days' sight, 74.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—53 per cent premium, ex dividend.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, newshares—1900 per share premium.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$1050 per share premium.

China and Japan Marine Insurance—1s. 15 per cent premium.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$17 per share premium.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$450 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$120 per share.

Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$120 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—18 per cent discount.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—34 per cent discount.

Indo-China Sugar Company—88 per cent discount.

Hongkong Pier and Godown Company—85 per cent discount.

SALES ON AUGUST 19TH, 1873.

As reported by Chinese.

Fungus, 10 bags, at \$40.00, by Chum-chong, to travelling trader.

Green Peas, 10 bags, at \$2.50, by Yen-ty, to travelling trader.

White Peas, 10 bags, at \$2.75, by Kwong-wing, to travelling trader.

Vermicelli, 120 bags, at \$7.00, by Chum-chong, to travelling trader.

Almonds, 5 bags, at \$18.00, by Chub-chong, to travelling trader.

Shantung Fong, 200 pieces, at \$20.00, by Chua-chong, to travelling trader.

Sago, 10 bags, at \$1.59, by Hoping, to local trader.

Coco Ghee, 5 packages, at \$11.00, by Tuck-mee, to travelling trader.

Milled Rice, 500 pieces, at \$1.58, by Tuck-mee, to travelling trader.

Melon Seeds, 100 bags, at \$5.00, by Tuck-mee, to local trader.

White Waz, 10 pieces, at \$6.00, by Kwong-wing, to travelling trader.

Shelfish, 10 cases, at \$30.00, by Fook-hing, to travelling trader.

Butcher, 10 bags, at \$12.00, by Chub-chong, to travelling trader.

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Extracts.

THE PRIMA DONNA AND THE IGUANAS.

VEILED.
At old Egyptian festivals, we are told.

Was any a guest
Who through the fast sat rigid, silent, cold?

Whom no one prest
To share the banquet, yet who still remained.

Till the last song was sung, the last cup drained.

The cup, the song, the jest, and laugh went round.

No cheek turned pale,
No gush of wine did quaff e'er profound.

Or life the veil.

To learn the wherefore one alone sat mute,
With whom nor host, nor friend, exchanged salute.

Usance and rose-crowned drapery did all;

That thing of iron;

The hidden skeleton in festive bœuf;

Broke no cream;

Naïf will of horrid checked the flow of mirth;

Unseen, unfelt that grisly type of earth.

But still the host return when all were gone,

To lights put out;

The unshown presence of that nameless one;

Might yet to rot

All the way famous born of wine and song,

And speechless dread the fleeting night pro-long.

At every heart, in every human heart

There sits a curse.

We may not, cannot tell these depart,

We can but grieve with roses, veil and drapery;

The thing exists, though we conceal its shape;

We shun our skeletons from public gaze,

And from our own;

Ignore their presence with life's lamps ablaze;

THE left alone

With feal fragments, wine-stained light goes in;

We left them with us, icy, bloodless, grim.

Our eyes would quiver to unveil the bones

Of the dead past;

We look them in our hearts, with sighs and moans;

To keep them fast;

But in its solitude we turn the key,

And dare to look upon them as they be.

THE PRIMA DONNA AND THE IGUANAS.

Part of our day's adventures and amusements consisted in a hunt for the red and orange coloured terrestrial iguanas which haunt this island in numbers. The ground is burrowed in every direction with their holes. They look like huge lizards, are about two feet long, with large clumsy bodies; and though they move rapidly enough, they never lose a kind of awkward grotesqueness of appearance. As I was returning through the ravine in advance of my companions, I saw an iguana running very actively around the foot of a tree. I had heard one of our party say that these animals were easily attracted by music, and could be quieted and caught in that way. Remembering the charm, I began to sing. Suddenly he stood quite still; and, delighted with my own success and with the susceptibility of the unorthodox creature, drew gently nearer, always singing, and becoming meanwhile—though not without a certain self-respect—for taking such unfair advantage of his love of music. To one of our sportsmen behind him came up cautiously and gave the fatal blow. He approached silently and quickly, but suddenly exclaimed, "Why, Mrs. Agatha, he's fat!" The emotional side of his character was at once explained, his seeming breadthlessness of appreciation of my music was widely due to the fact that he had twisted his rope round the tree till he could not move another step; and I think a more mortified prima donna was never forced off the stage. Some of our sailors had caught him on coming up, and had tied him there to await our return. The rope had slipped down to the root of the tree, I had not seen it. Notwithstanding my failure, other means were found more efficient, and we succeeded in capturing a number, both alive and dead.—From the Atlantic Monthly.

INSURANCES.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

187, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1845.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of the Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailors, &c., &c.

—A. M. COOPER, Agent.

of Hongkong, 1st July, 1879.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hangkow, and are prepared to grant Insurance at Current Rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

1858 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:

Not exceeding Ten days, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate.

Not exceeding 1 month, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 3 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 12 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 24 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 36 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 48 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 60 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 72 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 84 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 96 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 108 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 120 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

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Not exceeding 588 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 600 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 612 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 624 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 636 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 648 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 660 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 672 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 684 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 696 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 708 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 720 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 732 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 744 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 756 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 768 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 780 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 792 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 804 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 816 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 828 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 840 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 852 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 864 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 876 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 888 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 896 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

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Not exceeding 916 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

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Not exceeding 964 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 972 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 980 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.

Not exceeding 992 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do. do.